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INROADS!

"We want to make inroads into the special problems that exist for the Church in inner city and urban areas" says Captain Guy Davidson, Church Army.

Captain Guy Davidson is the Parish Priest Evangelist for St. John's Darlinghurst. Together with Rev. Capt. John McKnight C.A., the Rector of St. John's, he sees the need for a centre where people can find fellowship, care support, encouragement, some entertainment and the opportunity for Christian Education.

"In areas like ours," says Capt. Davidson, "there are many unemployed people, and those with jobs are often shift workers. These, and others, are often unreached by the Church. We want to offer Christian Training and Ministry."

The "Inroad Centre" will also be a place where unemployed Christians will be able to witness and share the good news of Jesus Christ; following the biblical model for ministry to help the "average" Christian to be a carer-sharer, living and speaking Jesus to those around him.

"If you think you can help us in the Inroad Ministries, or we can help you", says Capt. Davidson, please contact me; we are looking for input of ideas, the sharing of resources, and the extension of lay ministry".

Capt. Guy Davidson

Contact can be made in writing c/o St. John's Anglican Church, 120 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst, or ring (02) 357 6844.

WELCOME

We welcome on to the Church Army Executive Board, the Rev. William James Lawton, B.D., M.A., Th.Schol. The Rev. "Bill" Lawton is Dean of Students at Moore Theological College and lectures in Greek New Testament. He has wide experience in parish and mission work, serving some years with B.C.A. Married to Margaret, they have five children, 2 sons and 3 daughters. Hobbies he enjoys in the little spare time available are cooking and listening to music.

Rev. W. J. Lawton

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WILLS & BEQUESTS

The Church Army has been in Australia for over 50 years. Through its Officers, men and women, its ministry has been felt in many Parishes. Our vision is to grow and to extend our ministry throughout Australia. You can support this vision by making a special and lasting gift to Church Army through your will.

For more information contact Wal Spencer, Church Army in Australia, P.O. Box 107, Frenchs Forest, N.S.W. 2086, or ring (02) 451 8395.

NEWS
Church Army Movements

Capt. Brad. Aitken: From Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W. to Evangelist & Youth Worker at St. Stephens, Greythorne, Melbourne Diocese.

Capt. Tom Clarke: From Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W. to Parish Evangelist at St. Mark On The Hill, Launceston, Diocese of Tasmania.

Capt. Guy Davidson: From St. Pauls, Wahroonga, N.S.W. to Parish Evangelist at St. Johns, Darlinghurst, Diocese of Sydney.

Capt. Keith Downing: From Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W. to Evangelist at St. Johns, Parramatta, Diocese of Sydney.

Sister Sabina Fantoni: From Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W. to Evangelist at Mobile Ministry, currently based in Diocese of Grafton.

Capt. Bruce Geeves: From The Company of the Good Shepherd, Church Growth Movement, Diocese of Bathurst to Evangelist & Training Officer at St. Anne's, Ryde, Diocese of Sydney.

Capt. Ron Griffin: From St. Peters, Wynnum, Diocese of Brisbane to Parish Evangelist, Upper Macleay region, of the Parish of Kempsey, Diocese of Grafton.

Capt. John Harding: From the Church Army Bookshop, Newcastle to Resident Minister, Claymore, Parish of Campbelltown, Diocese of Sydney.

Capt. Peter Holmes: From Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W. to Youth Evangelism at St. Margaret's, Bellingen, Diocese of Grafton.

Capt. Ross Sandon: From St. Mary's, Ballina, to Evangelism Resources, Grafton Diocesan Centre, Grafton.

Capt. Mark Stockwell: From Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose, N.S.W. to Parish Evangelist, Holy Trinity Church, Beacon Hill, Diocese of Sydney.

Capt. Chris Thiele: From the Parish of Campbelltown, Diocese of Sydney to Youth Ministry at All Saints, Greensborough, Diocese of Melbourne.

Wal Spencer — Publicity & Development,
Church Army Headquarters,
Belrose, N.S.W.

The Rt. Rev. Howell Witt, Chairman of The Church Army Executive Board, continues to improve in health recovering from his serious car accident. Bishop Witt has returned to "light duties" in his Diocese, Bathurst.

TO: Rev. John & Sister Wendy Capper
Naomi Elizabeth — 24.2.86

TO: Capt. Doug & Pat Quayle
Deanne Elizabeth — 12.2.86

TO: Capt. Michael & Allison Lazarus
Timothy — 11.1.86

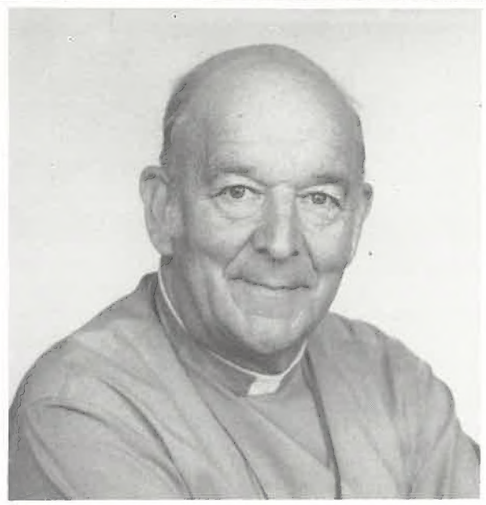
TO: Capt. John & Joan Harding
Andrew — 21.1.86

RESIGNATIONS

Capt. Trevor Brooks: Because of family commitments. 10 years Church Army Service.

Capt. Barry Costello: To enter Moore Theological College preparing for ordination. 4 years Church Army Service.

Rt. Rev. Donald Shearman: From the Church Army Executive Board. Bishop Shearman has moved to Brisbane, Qld.



CHURCH ARMY FAILS AGAIN!

Church Army has failed again! For the umpteenth year, they have enrolled not one perfect student in the College of Evangelism.

None of the students has reached the goal of maturity in Christ. Each is on the road, not at the destination.

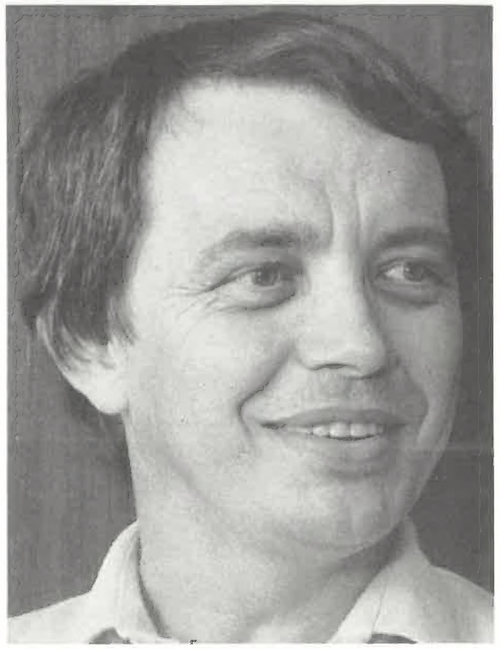
This means that College life may provide obstacles to growth as well as opportunities. Problems may arise with parish work, studies and relationships in a close-knit community.

Last year, I was appointed honorary Chaplain to the College. The Chaplain is available to all students who may wish to discuss matters of concern. I am not part of the formal assessment process which helps decide the student's future, and all discussions are completely confidential.

My involvement with Church Army stems from my being Associate Minister in the local parish of Frenchs Forest and Belrose. I presently lecture in the fields of Biblical and Pauline Studies, and occasionally preach in the College chapel.

Students are beginning to get to know my wife Jennifer, and daughters Jillian and Sally. We try to make dinners at our home a regular event for students. In doing so, we find that they give as much to us as we may give to them.

David Reay



Rev. David Reay

Editor: Rev. David Reay (rhymes with pay) writes a widely read Saturday morning column in The Manly Daily, one of Australia's leading local daily newspapers. We thank The Manly Daily for David's photo.

New Students

New Students coming to the College this year are:

David Moore: Married to Nicole. From Port Macquarie (Diocese of Grafton). Previously worked as a Carpenter. David and Nicole have a flat in Dundilla Road, Frenchs Forest. Nicole is a Trainee Nurse. Weekend placement is at St. Johns, Darlinghurst with Rector, Rev. Capt. J. McKnight.

Conrad Parsons: From Springwood, N.S.W. (Diocese of Sydney). Previously worked as an Actuarial Clerk. Weekend placement is at St. Johns, Mona Vale with Rector, Rev. Ron Coleman.

Peter Adkins: From Manly, N.S.W. (Diocese of Sydney). Previously worked as Verger/Youth Worker at St Matthews, Manly. Married to Gwen who is also studying full-time at the College.

Gwen Adkins: Also from Manly, N.S.W. Previously worked in Child-care at St Matthews, Manly. Qualified nurse. Peter and Gwen have a house in Terrey Hills. Both have weekend placements at St. Marks, Brighton-Le-Sands and St. John's Rockdale, with the Rector, Rev. John Lance.

Jack Harradine: From Point Pierce, Aboriginal Settlement, South Australia (Diocese of Willochra). Married to Lily. Three children: Marina, Albert and Ella. Jack and Lily live in the old Rectory at West Guildford. Previously self-employed fisherman and before that a Prison Officer. Weekend placement is at St. Mary's, Guildford with the Rector, Rev. Cyril Turner.

Jill Arkell: From Woy Woy (Diocese of Newcastle). Previously worked as Office Clerk in family air-conditioning business. Weekend placement is at St. Luke's, Concord/Burwood, with the Rector, Rev. Jim Pettigrew.

Janette Farley: From Hamilton, New Zealand (Diocese of Waikato). Previously worked as Associate Evangelist in Van Ministry N.Z. Church Army. Candidate for N.Z.C.A. Weekend placement at St. Mark's, South Hurstville with Rector, Rev. Ken LeHeuray.

Michael Calder: From Whangarei, New Zealand (Diocese of Auckland). Previously worked as a Sergeant Medical Assistant, N.Z. Defence Dept. Did three months preliminary training with Banyard College N.Z.C.A. Is an applicant for N.Z.C.A. Candidature not confirmed. Weekend placement is All Saints, Oatley West, with Rector, Rev. Sydney Gissing.

David O'Mara: From Maroubra (worshipping and working at Malabar — Diocese of Sydney). Previously a Lay Parish Worker. (Responsible for Children's and Youth Work.) Prior to this worked with Peninsula Community Services as a Social Worker (B.S.S. Sydney Uni.) David is an independent student and a candidate for Missionary work in South America with S.A.M.S. Weekend placement at St. Paul's, Kincumber with the Rector, Rev. Colvin Ford.

Mrs. Isobel Rice: From Plympton, South Aust. Candidate for A.B.M. to take up secretarial position with Bishop of Bangladesh in May. Previously worked as Office Clerk, Diocesan Child Care Dept. Adelaide. Isobel is a widow in her late forties.

Front Row: Left to Right:
Janette Farley, Jill Arkell, Gwen Adkins: David O'Mara.
Back Row: Left to Right:
Michael Calder, Conrad Parsons, Peter Adkins, Jack Harradine, David Moore
(Absent: Isobelle Rice)

EDITORIAL
"Forward — At The Run"!

Hello — I'm Wal Spencer. My job is Publicity and Development with The Church Army in Australia.

My favourite Bible Story is David vs. Goliath. You'd think I'd have grown out of it by now wouldn't you?

Well, a few years ago, facing a financial crisis in my own business, I talked to a friend. I told him my problem and said "I don't see how I can avoid it!"

He referred me to David (1 Samuel 17:48) "David **ran quickly towards the battle line**" and we all know why and how it ended the way it did. He trusted in the Lord. Rather painfully I had to wind up my business. It was the best thing I ever did, it turned me more towards the Lord and the work He wanted me to do. My involvement in my local church (St. Mark's Avalon N.S.W.) has given me great satisfaction and many blessings. I, along with many others, have seen God work in our community through our church. Now He has led me to the Church Army.

Whether I succeed or not in my job could hinge largely on this, my first "Pioneer". How will people like it? Will the Officers of The Church Army like it? Will the Board of The Church Army approve of it? How will people respond to it? If I succeed or not isn't really important in the long run. Whether The Church Army and its Ministry succeeds or not — IS! If some of its success depends on its publicity, then obviously how well I do my job is important.

Well, I've just "blown" too much of my year's budget for Pioneer on this edition (with at least two to follow). After much prayer by me and many friends, I've followed David's example. It's up to you now.

Will you please help support us? We need your prayers and we need your money to do the work we are good at and that God has chosen us to do.

In this edition and in future editions of Pioneer we will be telling you what that is.

Together, with God's help, we can do it. Thank you.

Wal Spencer

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